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Bonita Springs, Florida 34134

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was happy to hear a settlement has been reached in the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. Bringing this case to a close will benefit consumers and our economy alike.

The terms of the settlement agreement appear to be fair. Mechanisms to ensure Microsoft does not engage in anticompetitive acts will be implemented. If the settlement is approved, Microsoft will no longer enter into agreements obligating computer manufacturers or distributors to promote Windows exclusively. This will promote competition in the industry, and will result in more choices for the consumer. Microsoft has also agreed to make it easier for computer manufacturers to remove features of Windows from their computers so they will be able to use the competitions' software if they so choose. I believe these concessions are fair and reasonable.

Wrapping up this case has been long over-due. I appreciate your efforts to ensure the rapid resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,



Dena Sklaroff